

**Special Meeting  
Stafford Board of Education  
Stafford High School Library  
November 30, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Scott Gallison  
Mrs. Andrea Locke  
Mr. Jeff Roberts  
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Secretary  
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson  
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

**Absent:** Mr. Peter Kovaleski

**Also Present:** Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools  
Atty. Ryan O'Donnell, Counsel for the Board of Education  
Mother of Student A

**Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. A quorum was established.

**Item II. Executive Session**

- a. **Board Inquiry into the Continued Enrollment and Attendance of Student A**
- b. **Board Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion Regarding the Expulsion of Student A from Stafford High School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d**

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, that the Board enter executive session to discuss material that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E), subsection (b) of Section 1-210, specifically, personnel, student or medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and / or names and addresses of students enrolled in public school. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the executive session. Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Rummel, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:54 p.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools  
Atty. Ryan O'Donnell, Counsel for the Board of Education  
Mother of Student A  
Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess at 6:58 p.m.  
All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 7:14 p.m.

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gallison, to return to regular session. Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Rummel, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roberts, that based on the evidence presented in a stipulated agreement, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that culminating on or about November 15, 2016, Student A committed an expellable offense, namely that Student A was in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and tobacco products on school grounds during the school day; Student A violated the Board of Education's policy 5114 (a) – (z), Board Policy 5131.6 (a) – (j); Regulation 5131.6 (a) – (f); and the disciplinary guidelines as outlined in the Stafford High School 2016 – 2017 Student-Parent Handbook and Agenda, pages 21-26. It is the further finding of the Stafford Board of Education that such action constitutes conduct which is detrimental and an endangerment to the health, safety and welfare of other students, that such conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process and that such conduct also violates a publicized policy of the Stafford Board of Education. Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Rummel, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roberts, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student A committed an expellable offense, and based upon the evidence and testimony received as to the length of any expulsion to be imposed for the offense by Student A, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student A shall be expelled from the Stafford Public Schools from any and all school privileges and premises, and all school-sponsored activities for disciplinary reasons effective immediately for a period of one calendar year beginning on or about November 15, 2016.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student A with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period as outlined in the agreement.

Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Rummel, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

### **Item III. Adjournment**

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gallison, to adjourn. Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Rummel, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary**

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**Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson**

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**Tracy L. Rummel, Secretary**